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Subject: Horticultural Oil and Sunset Public Comment

Dear Andrea Caroe, et all,
NOSB Crops Committee,

Hi, I am writing you because I would like to make a public comment on the agenda item "Horticultural Oils" both for Insect (601 e-5) and Disease control (601 i-6) during the NOSB meeting in State College, PA, next April 19.

As I do not see any official News Release about the meeting and the procedures to follow posted on the AMS website yet and neither on the NOSB website I wonder if I should contact Mrs. Katherine Benham again like was instructed last time for the Nov '05 meetings in Washigton. I am copying her here if this is the case and ask for the 5 minutes for a public comment.

An important question that hopefully one of you on the Crops Committee can answer me is which particular comment(s) against the continued use of Horticultural Oil the USDA received as part of the Sunset review and where I can find it / them in an organized fashion. I want to avoid having to go through all and each individual comment posted like I did last time when I had to find whom was against the continued use of ethylene and why.

In the latest OMRI Update newsletter (Vol 8, #1 of Winter '06, pg 10) Brian Baker refers to a (meaning only one?) comment received which stated that "there were non-synthetic alternatives" to horticultural oils. I want to study that comment if that is the only one -if not the others too-- and see which 'alternatives' they site and how effective they have proven them to be for insect and disease control in bananas in the tropics, or citrus for that matter in the US. I am copying Brian at OMRI also to see if he can help me locate the comment(s) or indicate the particular one(s) to me on the site where all the comments are listed.

There is no TAP review on "Horticultural Oils" or any NOSB recommendation on this subject, correct?

Hopefully I can get some answers from you and Brian soon. If I should redirect my questions elsewhere you should both let me know please.

I will really appreciate your help.

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